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### **Smokey Robinson to Keynote Drug Court Foundation Luncheon; Burke, SHIELDS For Families to Be Honored for Community Activism**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**—Supervisor **Yvonne B. Burke** and **SHIELDS for Families**, a community based alcohol/drug treatment agency where the participants attend the up to one year treatment program, will be honored for advocacy in getting the Drug Court Program implemented at the Compton Superior Court House On **Friday, Sept. 29** at the Drug Court' Foundation's first annual fundraising luncheon 11:30 a.m. at the Double Tree Hotel, 2 Civic Plaza located in the Carson Civic Plaza in Carson.

Realizing a need to introduce nonviolent drug users to an ongoing process of treatment and recovery, in 1998, Judge Ellen C. DeShazer, established the Drug Court Program at the Compton Superior court. Motown icon **William "Smokey" Robinson** will give the keynote address.

"We're very excited to have Renowned Composer/Singer Smokey Robinson as our keynote speaker," Judge DeShazer said. "He is someone that people of all ages recognize and respect."

Since its inception in 1998, 269 persons have successfully graduated and live as responsible and contributing members in the South Bay community. The Drug Program has had a 71% success rate. The purpose of the luncheon is to raise funds so that more people can benefit from this new way of helping alcoholics and drug addicts find recovery.

The Drug Court Foundation Project is a program of the National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence of the South Bay, a 50(c) 3 non-profit community-based organization founded in 1973 in Torrance, California.

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